

## SUMMARY OF THE COURT APPEAL PROCESS

26.1-61(E) NORTON CITY CODE AND 15.2-2314 CODE OF VIRGINIA

- The Board of Zoning Appeals has made a decision on your variance, administrative appeal, special exception, or interpretation of district boundaries.
- If your request was approved, you may contact the building department to obtain the appropriate permit for construction. Please be aware that the BZA's decision may be appealed to the Circuit Court of Wise County by any person jointly or severally aggrieved within 30 days of this decision.
- If your request was denied, you will not be allowed to proceed with construction. You may however, appeal the BZA's decision to the Circuit Court of Wise County within 30 days of the decision.
- The Court may reverse or affirm, wholly or partly, or may modify the decision brought up for review.
- In the event the decision of the board is affirmed and the court finds that the appeal was frivolous, the court may, at the court's discretion, order the person or persons who appealed the Board's decision to pay the costs of the proceeding.